

COUNT WITTE DOWNS DURNOVO

Additional Cause for Rejoicing in Russia During the Easter Festival.

Retirement of Minister of Interior Durnovo From Office Is Announced, and Count Witte Seems to Have at Last Secured Upper Hand of His Rival.

St. Petersburg.—The Easter festival, the anniversary of the Jewish massacre at Kishinev and other places, happily was not stained this year by anti-Jewish excesses. The measures taken by the central government and the orders sent to the provincial authorities to take every precaution, with the added warning that they would be held personally responsible for outbreaks apparently were effective, though the danger will not be over until the Easter holidays are passed.

The high church feast was celebrated in the usual fashion—with much eating and drinking and the exchange of the kiss of peace. Some slackening in the old religious fervor was noticeable, especially in St. Petersburg. This is attributed to the revolutionary propaganda, which, in striking at the roots of the state, touched also blind devotion to the church. The streets of the capital have been alive with the cabs of government officials and clerks making their congratulatory calls on their superiors.

Minister of the Interior Durnovo, however, published a notice to his subordinates, stating that it was not necessary for them to call on him, and in the midst of general surprise his retirement from office was announced but this declaration of resignation is regarded as another intimation that his relinquishment of office is a matter of a few days. Count Witte for the moment seems to have downed his rival, the elections having strengthened his position greatly and enabled him to lay the blame for repression on M. Durnovo.

MIRACULOUS ESCAPE.

Two Aged Women Buried Beneath Ashes, But Escaped Alive.

Naples.—The gravity of the situation has now shifted to Ottajano and San Giuseppe, where the recovery of the dead from the debris goes on amid the misery of thousands of homeless refugees. A sensational development occurred during the work of salvaging at Ottajano Sunday when the searchers unearthed two aged women, still alive, but speechless, after six days' entombment. They were among the hundreds who were crushed beneath the falling walls during the rain of stones and ashes the previous Sunday and Monday. Hope has been abandoned of finding any of these persons alive. The women were protected by the rafters of the house and had managed to exist on a few morsels of food which they had in their pockets.

LOST BOY FOUND IN SNOW.

Four-Year-Old Lad Wandered Alone in Mountains for Twenty Hours.

Salt Lake City.—Snagged in a brush patch, smothered in snow, Patsy Sullivan, the four-year-old son of John Sullivan of this city, was found about noon Sunday by a rescuing party near the summit of Hog Back mountain, about three and a half miles east of Bountiful. For twenty hours the lad had been lost. Wandering back and forth across ravines, retracing his tracks, climbing ledges of rocks and wading through snow drifts, Patsy at last broke through the crusted snow, where he got tangled in an oak brush patch. There he lay, unable to move, when the rescuing party came upon him.

EARTHQUAKE AND LANDSLIDES.

Whole Face of the Country Has Been Changed.

Tokio.—One hundred and nine persons are known to have been killed and twenty-nine injured in the earthquake in the southern part of the island of Formosa last Saturday, but further details, it is expected, will swell the death roll, as the shock was more severe than that of March 17.

The town of Kago again was the principal sufferer, the houses which escaped destruction in the former disturbance being now in ruins. Doko and several other towns and villages also were affected by landslides, which have completely changed the topography of the country. The officials are working feverishly to relieve the thousands of persons left homeless by the earthquake.

Mining Man Foully Murdered by Yaqui Indians.

El Paso, Tex.—A telegram from Hermosillo, state of Sonora, Mexico, to the family of Samuel Williams of this city says that Yaqui Indians killed Williams on Saturday. According to advices, his party was ambushed and the fate of the other members is unknown. Williams was assayer for the Groux Consolidated Mining company at Carbo, Sonora, the superintendent of which company recently was also killed by Yaquis.

RETIREMENT OF CASTRO CAUSES MUCH COMMENT

Action of the President of Venezuela in Giving Up His Office Has Puzzled Everyone.

Willemstad, Island of Curacao.—Passengers arriving here Monday from Venezuela say that the action of General Castro in retiring from the presidency in favor of Vice President Gomez is not clearly understood in Venezuela, but the general opinion seems to be that his retirement is only temporary. General Castro has gone one way, as a private citizen, unattended and paying the regular fare on the railroad. His wife has gone another and the former president's sister arrived here Monday.

The resignation of the Venezuelan cabinet is also causing speculation. The ministers retiring when Castro gave up the reins of power, but Gomez has not appointed a new cabinet, and therefore the old ministers have retained their portfolios. On the other hand, Castro's followers are scattering, leaving the capital in different ways.

The opinions expressed here, the nearest point to Venezuela, are conflicting. The Venezuelans as a rule are reticent when questioned on the subject. They generally say that Castro is sick, and hesitate to give their opinion of his retirement from the presidency.

RACE WAR IN MISSOURI.

Excitement at Fever Heat Over Killing of Another Negro.

Springfield, Mo.—Leslie Peters, 16 years old, shot and killed Ralph Burns, a negro of bad reputation, one of two who attacked him in this city Monday night while he was escorting a young lady home from a party. The negroes accosted him at the gate of the young lady's home, and one of the negroes fired two shots from a revolver at him, but neither shot took effect. Peters immediately fired four shots at the negroes, killing one of them, and the other escaped. Peters went to the police station and gave himself up, but he was released without bond.

The news of the killing of another negro spread like wildfire through the city and hundreds of people left their beds and hastened to the public square. The militia on guard there prevented any violent outbreak and after a time dispersed the crowds. It is believed the killing will tend to increase the feeling against the negroes. People who had been disposed to sympathize with the negroes are incensed at this latest negro assault.

Mrs. Emma Le Doux Arraigned for the Murder of A. N. McVicar.

Stockton, Cal.—Mrs. Emma Le Doux, charged with the murder of A. N. McVicar, was brought into court Monday morning to plead, she having been arraigned several days ago. She pleaded not guilty in a clear voice, hesitating only for an instant. The ceremony occupied only about one minute, but the court room was crowded long before the hour arrived for bringing the accused before the judge.

Insurance Agent Suicides After Attacking Aged Couple.

Des Moines, Ia.—Following an attack on Obediah Smith and wife, an aged couple near Hampton, A. Evans, an insurance man of Waterloo, committed suicide Monday. Evans, who was secretary of the Property Mutual Insurance company, went to Hampton Saturday to transact business with Smith. He attacked the couple, leaving them unconscious and fled. The motive for the attack is not known.

A Ladrone Uprising.

Manila.—The headquarters of the Philippine constabulary at Maolos, Island of Luzon, were attacked several days ago by a band of ladrones. Three native members of the constabulary and one ladrone were killed. The affair creates no alarm here, where it is regarded merely as an incident of the effort to restore order through the employment of a native constabulary. Similar conflicts between local outlaw bands are of more or less frequent occurrence.

New Official Under a Cloud.

Buffalo, N. Y.—Fred O. Murray, recently appointed collector of the port of Buffalo, and former treasurer of Erie county, has been indicted by the grand jury on a charge of stealing from the county of Erie sums aggregating \$38,870, and receiving stolen property in a like amount. In all seventeen indictments were handed in by the grand jury which has been investigating graft in connection with the purchase by the county of the North street cemetery as a site of the Sixty-fifth regiment armory.

Will Prosecute Lynchers.

Springfield, Mo.—Four men are now under arrest here charged with being leaders in the mob that broke into the county jail Saturday night and lynched three negroes. One of the alleged mob leaders is in jail and three have been released on bond. Charles Canefax and Oney Caltry were the first men arrested. Later Dan Crane and Out Hall were arrested and Hall is still in jail. It is expected that the grand jury will indict at least fifty and perhaps a hundred men for participation in the lynching.

GOVERNOR HAS SUPREME POWER

Colorado Executive Can Suspend Habeas Corpus at His Pleasure.

Justice Gabbert Draws Conclusions in Which Incarceration of Labor Leader by the State Militia During Late Strike Is Upheld.

Denver.—Chief Justice Gabbert of the state supreme court has filed a supplemental opinion in the Moyer case. It is generally conceded that this new opinion will take precedence over the former majority opinion as the latest expression of the court.

The chief justice declares that the governor of the state has the power to suspend habeas corpus at his discretion and that the courts cannot review the action.

The body of the new opinion is taken up with excerpts from an opinion of Justice Johnson in a case in the Philippine islands in which the power of the governor-general to suspend the privileges of the writ of habeas corpus during a state of insurrection in the province of Batangas was upheld. The chief justice finds the case analogous to the situation presented in Colorado during the labor troubles, and draws conclusions in which the incarceration of Charles H. Moyer by the military is upheld.

AMERICANS IN CHINA ARE SAFE.

Reports of Recent Disturbances Were Greatly Exaggerated.

San Francisco.—Bishop J. W. Bashford of the Methodist Episcopal church, who has been four years at Shanghai, arrived from the Orient on Friday. Bishop Bashford for fifteen years was president of the Ohio Wesleyan university. He is en route to Chicago to attend the semi-annual meeting of the board of Episcopal bishops. Concerning conditions in China, Bishop Bashford said:

"The reports of disturbances in China have been grossly exaggerated in the United States. There have been three riots in the empire since the inauguration of the American boycott a year ago."

"Each one of these riots was due to local causes, and similar causes would have produced at least two of them in the United States. The Chinese generally are friendly to Americans."

CEASED TO VOMIT FIRE.

Mount Vesuvius No Longer Gives Signs of Life.

Naples.—The period of danger has passed, and only desolation and slowly declining panic remain. Mount Vesuvius has ceased to give any sign of life. The volcano seems to have spent itself in one enormous convulsion. Director Matteucci, who heroically holds his post in the observatory, believes that the eruption has ended, and every outward indication confirms this view. No more rumblings come from the bowels of the earth, giving terrifying warning to the inhabitants. The volcano is hidden behind a thick curtain of smoke, which rises from the crater and then spreads and falls, enveloping a vast circle in semi-darkness. Naples is just beyond this circle, and on Friday the city was bathed in sunshine while the ugly black plume hung to the westward over a belt midway between Rome and Naples.

President Castro Is Merely Resting.

Washington.—President Castro's temporary retirement from the head of the Venezuelan government has no political significance so far as is known, according to a dispatch received by the state department on Friday from W. W. Russell, the United States minister to Venezuela. Mr. Russell's dispatch was dated Caracas, April 10.

The dispatch states President Castro says he is exhausted physically and desires to take a rest.

Clark May Build New Road.

Los Angeles.—An evening paper here says that Senator Clark and associates have decided upon the building of a line of railroad south from a connecting point on the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake line into Arizona to connect with Senator Clark's copper mines at Jerome and finally with the Southern Pacific in the southern part of the territory. The proposed line would cross the Grand Canyon at Lee's Ferry.

Six Persons Killed in Cyclone in Texas.

Dallas.—Six persons were killed and several were injured in the tornado that swept over Briggs, Tex., late Friday. A number of buildings in the district were destroyed. At Cleburne the storm blew down the grand stand at the ball park during the progress of a game. Several persons were injured, but none killed. The heaviest rain in years fell in Dallas at night, and a general rain is reported over northern Texas.

BUILD BONFIRES BENEATH BODIES OF THEIR VICTIMS

Missouri Mob Hangs Negroes and Then Starts a Fire Under the Men as They Hang.

Springfield, Mo.—A mob took two negroes from the county jail Saturday night and hanged them to the electric tower in the center of the public square and built a fire under the men as they hung.

The negroes were Horace Duncan and James Copeland, both under 21 years of age. They were in jail, charged with assaulting Mabel Edmonson, a white girl.

Fully 5,000 people went to the county jail about 9 o'clock and with telephone poles and sledge hammers literally tore the jail to pieces. Finally the two negro suspects were dragged from the jail and taken to the center of the public square and hanged.

After the men were strung up, a bonfire was built beneath their bodies. Later the mob returned to the jail and took Will Allen, a negro, charged with the murder of a man named Rourke last January, and hanged him in the public square.

PANIC IN CHURCH.

Cry of Fire Causes Grim Tragedy in Chicago Place of Worship.

Chicago.—During a panic which followed a cry of fire while 400 persons were participating in the Easter service in the St. Ludmilla Roman Catholic church, Twenty-fourth and Albany avenues, three children and one woman were killed and a score of others injured, several seriously.

The majority of the worshippers in the church at the time the false alarm of fire was given were women and children, and in a few minutes all were in a tangled mass, fighting to escape from the supposed danger. Many persons jumped through the windows, but the greater portion crowded to the center aisle.

A boy's prank was responsible for the accident. While Rev. M. Farnik, pastor of the church, was offering the evening prayer, one of a crowd of boys who had been loitering outside the church suddenly pushed open the front door and shouted, "Fire!" Seeing the serious effect his words had on the congregation, the boy ran away, and the police have been unable to find him or learn his identity.

SIX KILLED ON BATTLESHIP.

Explosion on the Kearsarge Brings Death to Men.

Washington.—News has been received from Guantanamo, Cuba, of an explosion on board the battleship Kearsarge, as the result of which six men were killed and several wounded. It seems that shortly after target practice a powder explosion occurred, from some unknown cause. The dead are: Lieutenant Huggins, turret officer; Peter Norberg, gunner's mate; Theodore Naogell, seaman; Anton O. Thorson, seaman; Julius E. Poster, turret captain, first class; Ellis H. Athey, seaman. W. King, ordinary seaman, is dangerously injured.

SUNFLOWER IN HER EAR.

Ohio Preacher's Daughter Has an Unusual Experience.

Delaware, O.—An embryonic sunflower growing in the ear of little Grace Barrett, daughter of a local preacher, was removed Saturday and the child's hearing, which has been steadily growing more defective, was completely restored. The child, it is supposed, stuffed the seed in her ear while at play last fall. Examination showed that a perfectly formed and healthy sprout had developed.

LABOR UNION BANK.

Chicago Will Have Institution With \$500,000 Capital.

Chicago.—It was announced Saturday that the Commonwealth Trust and Savings bank, an institution promoted by organized labor, will open its doors for business May 19. The capital of the bank is \$500,000 and all of the directors except one are members of labor organizations. None of the bank's officials will be taken from the ranks of organized labor, but all will be practical banking men.

Kansas Politician Following in Footsteps of Carrie Nation.

Concordia, Kan.—W. W. Caldwell, chairman of the Republican county central committee of Cloud county, broke in the door of a joint in the basement of the Colson hotel Saturday evening, driving out the people in the joint and smashing to pieces the bar, beer pumps and bottled goods. He left the saloon a complete wreck. No arrests have been made. Caldwell is the owner of the hotel building in which the joint was located.

Merely a Figurehead.

Washington.—Secretary Taft has issued an order, the effect of which is materially to limit the executive authority of the chief of staff, making him mainly an advisory officer. The order thus throws an added burden of responsibility on Assistant Secretary Oliver. In future the chief of staff is empowered only to issue orders in his own name to the general staff corps; otherwise he will issue them "by order of the secretary of war," through the military secretary.

RATES ARE FIXED BY ASSOCIATION

Admission Made by Railroad Official to the Interstate Commerce Commission

Traffic Association Not Only Files the Percentage of Tonnage Allocated to Each Railroad, But Also Establishes the Rate.

Philadelphia.—That rates are fixed by the "Traffic association," composed of various coal carrying railroads, was the admission drawn from railroad officials at the final hearing on Wednesday of the interstate commerce commission investigation into the alleged abuses of the coal trade. Through Joseph G. Searles, coal traffic manager of the Pennsylvania Railroad company, who is also chairman of the All-rail Traffic association, it was learned that this organization not only fixes the percentage of tonnage allotted to each railroad, but also establishes the rates.

WERE COMFORTED TOO SOON.

Russian "War Widows" Took Second Husbands While Fate of No. 1 Was Unknown.

St. Petersburg.—Curious domestic complications have arisen out of the return of Russian soldiers who, while prisoners, were reported dead. Many of them have found their wives again wedded, and one instance has come to light where a woman who supposed herself a widow now is legally the wife of two men. The reappearance of husband number one found her the mother of a child by husband number two. The first husband was willing to relinquish his claim to his successor for \$25, but the latter did not have the money and the matter was referred to the village priest. Finally it was arranged that the wife should return to her first love but that the baby, being born in wedlock with husband number two, should be cared for by the latter, and bear his name.

JAILED FOR FORTY DAYS.

Agent of the Standard Oil Company in Connecticut Sentenced.

Middletown, Conn.—In the superior court John Boylan, local agent for the Standard Oil company, was convicted of selling oil of an inferior and dangerous quality and was sentenced to forty days in jail and fined \$25 and costs. The case against the oil agent grew out of two civil suits brought against the company by Theodore White as the result of an explosion of a lamp at his house in January. The explosion caused injuries to his daughter which later resulted in her death and Mr. White himself was badly burned.

Germany's Drink Bill.

Washington.—Germany's enormous drink bill is explained in letters to the bureau of manufactures from American Consuls Brittain and Guenther. Each inhabitant consumes a yearly average of six and a half quarts of wine, 12 3/4 quarts of beer and nine quarts of brandy. For a population of 60,000,000 people, the liquor expenditure is \$672,588,000. The average for male citizens over 15 years would be \$37.36. By contrast, German expenditures for schools were \$99,722; for working people's insurance, \$104,244,000.

Killed by South Sea Cannibals.

Victoria, B. C.—The steamer Moana from Australia brought news of the ghastly murder of Herr Schlebahn, a German trader, who was hanged to pieces with tomahawks by man-eating natives of the Admiralty group. The trader resided on St. Gabriel island, where he had a plantation. The German warship Condor went to hunt the natives for the murderers and burned the village from which the natives fled. What became of the body has not been ascertained, but it is believed to have been eaten.

Jews Jumped From Bridge.

New York.—Nathan Isaacs of 66 Irvington street, this city, jumped from the middle of the center span of the new Williamsburg bridge into the East river, 135 feet below, and was quickly taken out of the water by the crew of a ferry boat. His clothing was torn to ribbons, his shoes were torn from his feet and he was terribly bruised by the impact of his body with the water. He was unconscious when rescued, but soon revived and may recover.

Murderous Motorman.

Chicago.—Four persons were injured, two of them fatally, on Wednesday, when P. J. Daley, motorman on an Indiana avenue car, ran into a throng of pedestrians who were trying to cross Wabash avenue at its intersection with Adams street. W. P. Kelly, conductor for the Pullman company, and D. E. Tamagno, an electrician, were so badly hurt that there is no chance of their recovery. Daley made no effort to stop his car after running into the crowd.

WOULD LENGTHEN TERM OF OUR CONGRESSMEN

House Committee Favors Election of Members for Four Years Instead of Two, and Election of Senators by Direct Vote.

Washington.—A resolution providing for the election of senators by direct vote of the people has been favorably acted upon by the house committee on elections of president, vice president and representatives in congress. The resolution, which was introduced by Mr. Morris of Nebraska, makes the term of members of the house four years instead of two. Both propositions are to be accomplished by amendments to the constitution. Reasons why the term of members should be four years are stated to be because no party can inaugurate its policy in two years.

"The people are tired," the report says, "of this continuous drama, and as a result are inclined to give no attention to the primaries and the conventions—the very foundation of our political system—the forum wherein the country's interests can best be guarded and protected."

KANSAS SWEEP BY STORM.

Houses and a Church Blown Down and Several People Injured.

Wichita, Kan.—A special to the Eagle says that a tornado occurred Thursday at Stafford. Several persons were injured, seven houses and a church were completely destroyed and many other buildings were damaged.

The storm came from the southwest, passed over the business part of the town without damage, first striking two blocks east of Main street. Here the home of Fred Tanner and the parsonage of the Congregational church were demolished. The Quaker church was blown down, the debris falling upon the home of Mrs. Ella Granger, which was also destroyed. Mrs. Granger was injured, but not seriously.

Mrs. Ed Gleiburg saw the storm coming and ran into the yard to rescue her child, which was playing there. Before she reached him she was picked up and hurled against a telephone pole across the street. She was seriously injured in the back. The child was unhurt.

The storm then lifted, but struck again in the northeast part of the town, demolishing several houses and damaging others.

Four miles west of Stafford another tornado blew down several farm buildings and seriously injured R. F. Silvers, who saw the storm coming and sought shelter in a granary filled with wheat. This storm passed two miles east of Hudson, where other small damage is reported. The sun shone brightly while these storms were working their havoc.

Another tornado is reported at Bushton, thirty miles north of Stafford. Several residences and other buildings were blown down. No one was seriously injured.

CANNOT AGREE.

Mine Workers and Operators Reach Parting of the Ways.

New York.—At the meeting of the sub-committees of the anthracite mine workers and operators here Thursday the representatives of the employees offered the mine owners the choice of two propositions in their endeavor to come to an amicable agreement, and the employers made an informal reply in which they intimated that they are not likely to accept either of the wage workers' offers. The operators will make an official answer to the miners' latest proposition by letter and there will be no further meetings unless something develops. The meeting did not bring the contending parties closer together. If the operators should decline to entertain either of the propositions submitted by the miners it is probable a convention of miners will be called at which the delegates will declare that a strike exists.

Briefly stated, the offer made by President Mitchell was a resubmission of the miners' original demands with two amendments and in case they are not accepted he proposes that the whole controversy be placed before the strike commission.

Beaten and Robbed.

San Francisco.—Charles Carson, well known among racing men, was called to the door of his room in the Ashworth hotel by two well dressed men. He noticed a third man standing in the hall. In an instant the two men who had knocked entered the room, placed black masks over their faces, and, producing revolvers, commanded Carson to hold up his hands. He tried to call for help, but was beaten insensible and robbed of \$500.

Dowie Denies Charge.

Chicago.—One charge that has been brought against Dowie—that to the effect that he had agreed secretly with a cor sion of Mormon missionaries to turn over to the Mormon church Zion and all of its vast holdings—was emphatically denied by Dowie Thursday. The only possible basis for this story, it was explained, was that some months ago a coterie of Mormon missionaries appeared in Zion City and distributed pamphlets expounding the doctrines of Mormonism.